

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 142

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A RESOLUTION congratulating the Soddy-Daisy High School cheerleading squad on winning the 2008 Small Varsity Division National Championship of the National Cheerleaders Association.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Soddy-Daisy High School cheerleading program is renowned for its nature as a bastion of extraordinary athletic facility in the world of competitive cheerleading; and

WHEREAS, the Soddy-Daisy High School cheerleaders achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2008 season, capped by their victory in the Small Varsity Division at the 2008 National Cheerleaders Association Championship competition held in Dallas, Texas; and

WHEREAS, a large crowd of family members, friends, and supporters greeted the fifteen cheerleaders and their coaches upon their arrival at Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport, applauding the squad on winning its second national championship and first since 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Soddy-Daisy squad's championship season would not have been possible without the astute knowledge and leadership of Coach Vicki Jackson and the insight and experience of former longtime cheerleading coach, Jo Ellen Craze, who returned this year to offer assistance; and

WHEREAS, the talented and athletic individuals who worked together to capture this highest award in the arena of competitive cheering are: Katelyn Burdine, Shay Freeman, Halee Guinn, Meredith Hogsed, Courtnei Jackson, Breanne Johnson, Fallon Johnson, Lauren Lowery, Taylor Marshall, Morgan Myers, Chelsea Newsom, Lauren Nida, Alex Stanford, and Kaitlin Wood; and

WHEREAS, the Soddy-Daisy High School cheerleading team epitomizes all that is good in today's student-athletes, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a stellar triumph, but also surely bodes well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Soddy-Daisy High School cheerleading team for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we do hereby honor and congratulate Coach Vicki Jackson, Coach Jo Ellen Craze, and the Soddy-Daisy High School cheerleading team on their commitment to excellence and on becoming the 2008 National Champions of the Small Varsity Division of the National Cheerleaders Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.